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## Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being obvious in view of Willming and Sklar. This ground for rejection is overcome by canceling claims 1-6.

Applicants appreciate the indication in the Office Action that claims 7-32 are allowed. With the cancellation of claims 1-6 Applicants request that the above-identified application be passed to allowance.

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